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SUBJECT: MTN: MAY 8 MEETING OF AGRICULTURE GROUP

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1. FOLLOWING ENGLISH AND FRENCH TEXTS OF CHAIRMAN'S
SUMMING-UP APPROVED BY AGRICULTURE GROUP AT MAY 8 MEETING.

2. QUOTE ENGLISH TEXT:
THE FOLLOWING SUMMING UP BY THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP "AGRICULTURE"
WAS APPROVED BY THE GROUP AT ITS MEETING ON 8 MAY 1975:

1. THE GROUP MET FROM 24 TO 27 MARCH, FROM 15 TO 17 APRIL AND
ON 8 MAY 1975 AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS. THE GROUP
AGREED THAT THE GROUP SHOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT. IT
INVITED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE
TO ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE GROUP AS AN OBSERVER.

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2. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IT WOULD TREAT TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF
MEASURES RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT MATTERS OF A GLOBAL NATURE, INCLUDING TARIFF

AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURE, WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN A NUMBER OF CONTEXTS WITHIN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IN SUCH CASES, THE GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUPS WILL CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF THESE MATTERS AND WILL TREAT THEM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORK OF THE "TARIFFS" AND "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" GROUPS AND THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO OTHER GROUPS CONCERNED WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT THE HARMONIOUS AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE ELEMENTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION IN FURTHERANCE OF PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF WHETHER IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE SUBGROUPS ON SOME TARIFFS OR NON-TARIFF MEASURES AND THE GROUP HAS AGREED TO COME BACK LATER TO THIS QUESTION.

4. THE GROUP AGREED THE SOME AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH REPRESENTED A LARGE SHARE IN WORLD TRADE AND WERE WIDELY TRADED MIGHT LEND THEMSELVES TO MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS. WITH THIS IN VIEW IT AGREED TO ADDRESS ITSELF INITIALLY TO GRAINS, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND MEAT. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT OTHER PRODUCTS MIGHT BE ADDED AT A LATER STAGE.

5. THE GROUP AGREED TO ESTABLISH NEGOTIATING SUB-GROUPS, DEALING WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS RELEVANT TO TRADE IN THESE PRODUCTS, FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

(A) GRAINS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK RECENTLY STARTED IN THE FRAME WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE ACTIVELY TO PURSUE THAT WORK ALSO. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, THE SUB-GROUP SHALL CONSIDER HOW BEST TO INTEGRATE INTO ITS WORK ANY RESULTS OF THE WORK AT PRESENT GOING ON IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL.

(B) DAIRY PRODUCTS.

(C) MEAT (INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS).

6. THE GROUP AGREED THE ABOVE SUB-GROUPS WOULD THEMSELVES ORGANIZE THEIR WORK.

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7. THE GROUP EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES EMBODIED IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION.

8. SUBJECT TO THE UNDERSTANDINGS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 9 BELOW, THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE SUB-GROUPS BELOW SHOULD HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING ON:

SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS: 26 MAY, BEGINNING IN THE MORNING

SUB-GROUP ON MEAT: 16 JUNE, BEGINNING IN THE AFTERNOON

SUB-GROUP ON DAIRY PRODUCTS: 23 JUNE, BEGINNING IN THE AFTERNOON

9. IN RESPECT OF THE AGREEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY DELEGATION TO WHICH THE DATES SPECIFIED CAUSED SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE WOULD BE FREE TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARIAT UP TO 16 MAY 1975; IN THAT CASE THE SECRETARIAT WOULD UNDERTAKE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH DELEGATIONS, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON AN ALTERNATIVE DATE. AS REGARDS THE DATE SET FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT, ASSUMING THE MEETING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL TOOK PLACE ON 28 MAY, THE SUB-GROUP WOULD ADJOURN ON 27 MAY, BUT COULD, IF IT SO DECIDED, RECONVENE IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 2 JUNE. AS REGARDS THE DATE SET FOR THE SUB-GROUP ON MEAT, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES TO DELEGATIONS, EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY CONFLICT IN TIMING WHICH MIGHT ARISE BETWEEN THE SESSIONS OF THE SUB-GROUP AND THOSE OF THE GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS".

10 THE GROUP AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 8 JULY 1975.
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3. QUOTE FRENCH TEXT:

LE RESUME CI-APRES DU PRESIDENT DU GROUPE "AGRICULTURE" A ETE APPROUVE PAR LE GROUPE A SA REUNION DU 8 MAI 1975:

1. LE GROUPE S'EST REUNI DU 24 AU 27 MARS, DU 15 AU 17 AVRIL ET LE 8 MAI 1975; IL A PRIS LES DECISIONS CI-APRES. IL EST CONVENU QU'IL SERAIT PRESIDE PAR LE SECRETARIAT. IL A INVITE LE SECRETAIRE
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GENERAL DE LA CNUCED OU SON REPRESENTANT A ASSISTER EN QUALITE D'OBSERVATEUR A LA REUNION DU GROUPE.

2. LE GROUPE EST CONVENU DE TRAITER LES TARIFS ET LES MESURES NON TARIFAIRES RELATIFS AUX PRODUITS AGRICOLES.

IT A ETE PRIS NOTE DU FAIT QUE DES SUJETS DE CARACTERE GLOBAL, Y COMPRIS DES MESURES TARIFAIRES ET NON TARIFAIRES QUI AFFECTENT L'AGRICULTURE, SERAIENT SOULEVES DANS DIVERS CONTEXTES, DANS LE CADRE GENERAL DES NEGOCIATIONS. DANS DE TELS CAS, LE GROUPE ET SES SOUS-GROUPES SERONT SAISIS POUR CE QUI CONCERNE LES ASPECTS AGRICOLES DE CES SUJETS ET LES TRAITERONT EN LIAISON AVEC LES TRAVAUX DES GROUPES "TARIFS" ET "MESURES NON TARIFAIRES", ET LES RESULTATS DE LEURS TRAVAUX SERONT COMMUNIQUEES AUX AUTRES GROUPES CONCERNES EN VUE D'ARRIVER AU DEVELOPPEMENT HARMONIEUX ET EQUILIBRE DE AUTRES GROUPES CONCERNES EN VUE D'ARRIVER AU DEVELOPPEMENT HARMONIEUX ET EQUILIBRE DE TOUS LES ELEMENTS OBJECT DE NEGOCIATION CONFORMEMENT AU PARAGRAPHE 8 DE LA DECLARATION DE TOKY.

3. LA QUESTION DE SAVOIR S'IL ETAIT NECESSAIRE DE CREER DES SOUS-GROUPES POUR CERTAINES QUESTIONS DE TARIFS OU MESURES NON TARIFAIRES A ETE DISCUTEE, ET LE GROUPE EST CONVENU DE REVENIR PLUS TARD SUR CETTE QUESTION.

4. LE GROUPE EST CONVENU QUE CERTAINS PRODUITS AGRICOLES DONT LE COMMERCE REPRESENTE UNE LARGE PROPORTION DES ECHANGES MONDIAUX ET EST LARGEMENT REPARTI POURRAIENT SE PRETER A DES SOLUTIONS MULTILATERALES. A CET EFFET, IL EST CONVENU DE S'OCCUPER EN PREMIER LIEU DES CEREALES, DES PRODUITS LAITIERS ET DE LA VIANDE. IL A ETE ENTENDU QUE D'AUTRES PRODUITS POURRAIENT ETRE AJOUTES ULTERIEUREMENT.

5. LE GROUPE EST CONVENU D'INSTITUER DES SOUS-GROUPES DE NEGOCIATION TRAITANT DE TOUS LES ELEMENTS PERTINENTS DU COMMERCE DE CES PRODUITS, POUR LES SECTEURS CI-APRES;
A) LES CEREALES. IL A ETE ENTENDU QUE LES GOUVERNEMENTS PARTICIPANT AUX NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES MULTILATERALES ET QUI PARTICIPENT EGALEMENT AUX TRAVAUX RECEMMENT ENTREPRIS DANS LE CADRE DU CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU BLE CONTINUERAIENT DE PARTICIPER ACTIVEMENT AUSSI A CES TRAVAUX. LE MOMENT VENU, LE SOUS-GROUPE ENVISAGERAIT LA MEILLEURE MANIERE D'INTEGRER DANS SES PROPRES TRAVAUX LES
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RESULTATS AUXQUELS ABOUTIRAIENT LES TRAVAUX ACTUELLEMENT EN COURS AU CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU BLE.

B) LES PRODUITS LAITIERS

C) LA VIANDE (Y COMPRIS LES ANIMAUX VIVANTS)

6. LE GROUPE EST CONVENU QUE LES SOUS-GROUPES CI-DESSUS SERAIENT MAITRES DE L'ORGANISATION DE LEURS TRAVAUX.

7. LE GROUPE A SOULIGNE L'IMPORTANCE DE L'APPLICATION DE MESURES DIFFERENCIEES AUX PAYS EN VOIE DE DEVELOPPEMENT, SELON DES MODALITES QUI LEUR ASSURERONT UN TRAITEMENT SPECIAL ET PLUS FAVORABLE, EN PARTICULIER DANS LES NEGOCIATIONS AGRICOLES, CONFORMEMENT AUX PRINCIPES ET AUX OBJECTIFS DE LA DECLARATION DE TOKYO.

8. SOUS RESERVE DES DISPOSITIONS CONCERTEES SELON LE PARAGRAPHE 9 CI-DESSOUS, LE GROUPE EST CONVENU QUE LES SOUS-GROUPES CI-APRES TIENDRAIENT LEURS PREMIERES REUNIONS AUX DATES INDIQUEES.

SOUS-GROUPE DES CEREALES: 26 MAI, LE MATIN

SOUS-GROUPE DE LA VIANDE: 16 JUIN, APRES-MIDI

SOUS-GROUPE DES PRODUITS LAITIERS: 23 JUIN, APRES-MIDI

9. S'AGISSANT DES DISPOSITIONS CONVENUES SELON LE PARAGRAPHE 8 CI-DESSUS, IL A ETE ENTENDU QU'IL SERAIT LOISIBLE AUX DELEGATIONS AUXQUELLES LE CHOIX DE CES DATES CREERAIT DES DIFFICULTES SERIEUSES, DE LE FAIRE SAVOIR AU SECRETARIAT D'ICI AU 16 MAI 1975; EN PAREIL CAS, LE SECRETARIAT CONSULTERAIT DE FACON APPROPRIEE LES DELEGATIONS, EN VUE D'ARRIVER A UN ACCORD SUR UNE AUTRE DATE. S'AGISSANT DE LA DATE FIXEE POUR LA PREMIERE REUNION DU SOUS-GROUPE DES CEREALES, IL A ETE ENTENDU QUE, DANS L'HYPOTHESE OU LA REUNION PREVUE DANS LE CADRE DU CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU BLE SE TIENDRAIT LE 28 MAI, LA REUNION DU SOUS-GROUPE SERAIT ADJOURNEE LE 27 MAI; IL POURRAIT CEPENDANT, S'IL EN ETAIT AINSI DECIDE, SE

REUNIR A NOUVEAU DANS LA SEMAINE COMMENCANT LE 2 JUIN. S'AGISSANT DE LA DATE FIXEE POUR LE SOUS-GROUPE DE LA VIANDE, IT A ETE ENTENDU QU'AFIN D'EVITER AUX DELEGATIONS TOUTE DIFFICULTE SERIEUSE, RIEN NE SERAIT NEGLIGE POUR REDUIRE DANS TOUTE LA MESURE POSSIBLE LES CONFLITS D'HORAIRE EVENTUELS ENTRE LES SEANCES DU SOUS-GROUPE ET CELLES DU GROUP "PRODUITS TROPICAUX".

10. LE GROUPE EST CONVENU DE TENIR SA PROCHAINE REUNION LE 8 JUILLET 1975. UNQUOTE.
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4. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH DICTIONARY (ROBERT) THE WORD QUOTE SAISIS UNQUOTE IN THE FRENCH TEXT HAS THE MEANING OF QUOTE BRINGING BEFORE UNQUOTE, THUS IN THIS CONTEXT BRINGING BEFORE THE GROUPS AND SUBGROUPS.MCNAMARA

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